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1. SUMMARY: SINCE KOREAN AMB (RESIDENT ABIDJAN) WAS IN COTONOU WHEN INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF A RECEIVED, WE WERE ABLE COORDINATE OUR DEMARCHES TO SOME EXTENT. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF GABONESE CO-SPONSORSHIP AT TIME OF HIS DEMARCHE, SO DEALT ONLY IN CONTEXT OF FRENCH AMENDMENT TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. IN OUR DEMARCHE WE CONVERGED FRENCH AMENDMENT, BUT IN ADDITION STRESSED PARTICULARLY THE GROWING AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AS EXEMPLIFIED BY GABONESE JOINING FOUR OTHER AFRICAN CO SPONSORS. DAHOMEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY RECEPTION OF BOTH DEMARCHES WAS NON-COMMITTAL. END SUMMARY.

2. YUNG KYOO KANG, ROK AMB, CAME TO COTONOU FROM HIS HEAD-QUARTERS IN ABIDJAN LAST WEEK TO ATTEND CELEBRATIONS MARKING SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAHOMEAN MILITARY REGIME AND TO TAKE UP UN KOREAN ISSUE WITH PRES KEREKOU AND FORNMIN ALLADYE. KEREKOU WAS TOO TIED UP WITH INTERNAL MATTERS TO RECEIVE HIM. AT THE FORNMIN HE WAS TOLD THAT THE MINISTER (ALLADAYE) WAS
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UPCOUNTRY AND WOULD NOT BE BACK UNTIL NEXT WEEK. SINCE

EMBASSY LEARNED, AFTER AMB KANG'S DEPARTURE, THAT ALLADAYE WAS IN FACT IN TOWN, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE DAHOMEAN LEADERSHIP DID NOT WISH TO SEE KANG.

3. AMB KANG WAS RECEIVED BY CYRILLE SAGBO, SEC GEN OF THE FORNMIN, ON 3 DEC. SAGBO LISTENED TO HIS ARGUMENTS BUT WAS NON-COMMITTAL AS TO POSITION DAHOMEY WOULD TAKE. AMB TOLD US THAT, IN PUSHING FOR SUPPORT OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, HE REALIZED THE MOST HE COULD HOPE FOR WAS DAHOMEY'S ABSTENTION.

4. FOLLOWING DAY EMBASSY DCM SAW ACTING SEC GEN MME HUGUETTE ACHARD (BY THEN SAGBO WAS ON LEAVE). AFTER TAKING COPIOUS NOTES, SHE SAID SHE COULD NOT DISCUSS DAHOMEY'S POSITION, BUT WOULD TAKE UP OUR APPROACH WITH THE FORNMINISTER.

5. FYI: KOREAN AMB WAS INFORMED BY HIS MISSION IN NEW YORK THAT DAHOMEY'S AMB TO THE UN ABIJBADE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO CO-SPONSOR THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. HOWEVER ADJIBADE, SYMPATHETIC TO THE SOUTH KOREAN CAUSE, HAD CHOSES TO OVERLOOK THOSE INSTRUCTIONS. BUT KANG WAS NOT SURE ADJIBADE WOULD GO SO FAR AS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. ROKS BELIEVED ADJIBADE HAD MORE OF A FREE HAND IN DETERMINING HIS OWN POSITION THAN DID MANY OTHER AMBASSADORS AT THE UN. AMB KANG HOPES THAT THE NEW TACTICAL ELEMENTS OF THE PICTURE AT THE UN ON THIS ISSUE WOULD ALLOW ADJIBADE TO MAKE HIS OWN DECISION, WHICH HOPEFULLY WOULD BE AT LEAST TO ABSTAIN.

6. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF DAHOMEY GOVT'S TOTAL PREOCCUPATION WITH DOMESTIC MATTERS AT THE MOMENT, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT FORNMIN WILL SEND ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS UN DEL ON THIS SUBJECT. IN FACT WE BELIEVE OUR BEST HOPE IS THAT NO FURTHER GUIDANCE WILL BE SENT FROM HERE AND THAT ADJIBADE WILL FEEL FREE TO EXERCISE DISCRETION AND THEREFORE ABSTAIN.
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